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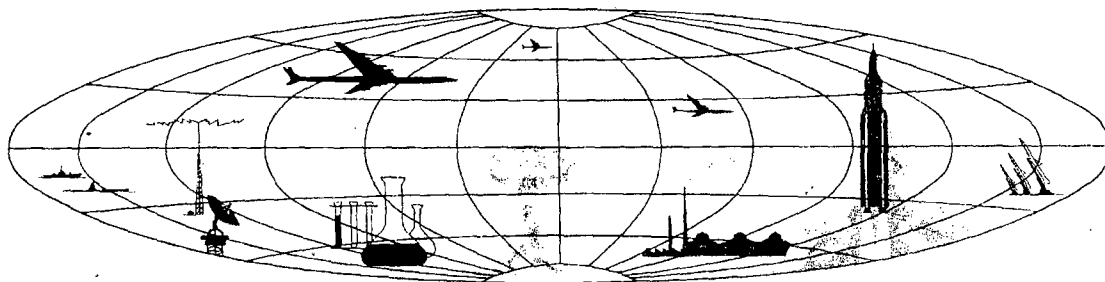
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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS BOROVUKHA

(55-31N 028-35E)

POLOTSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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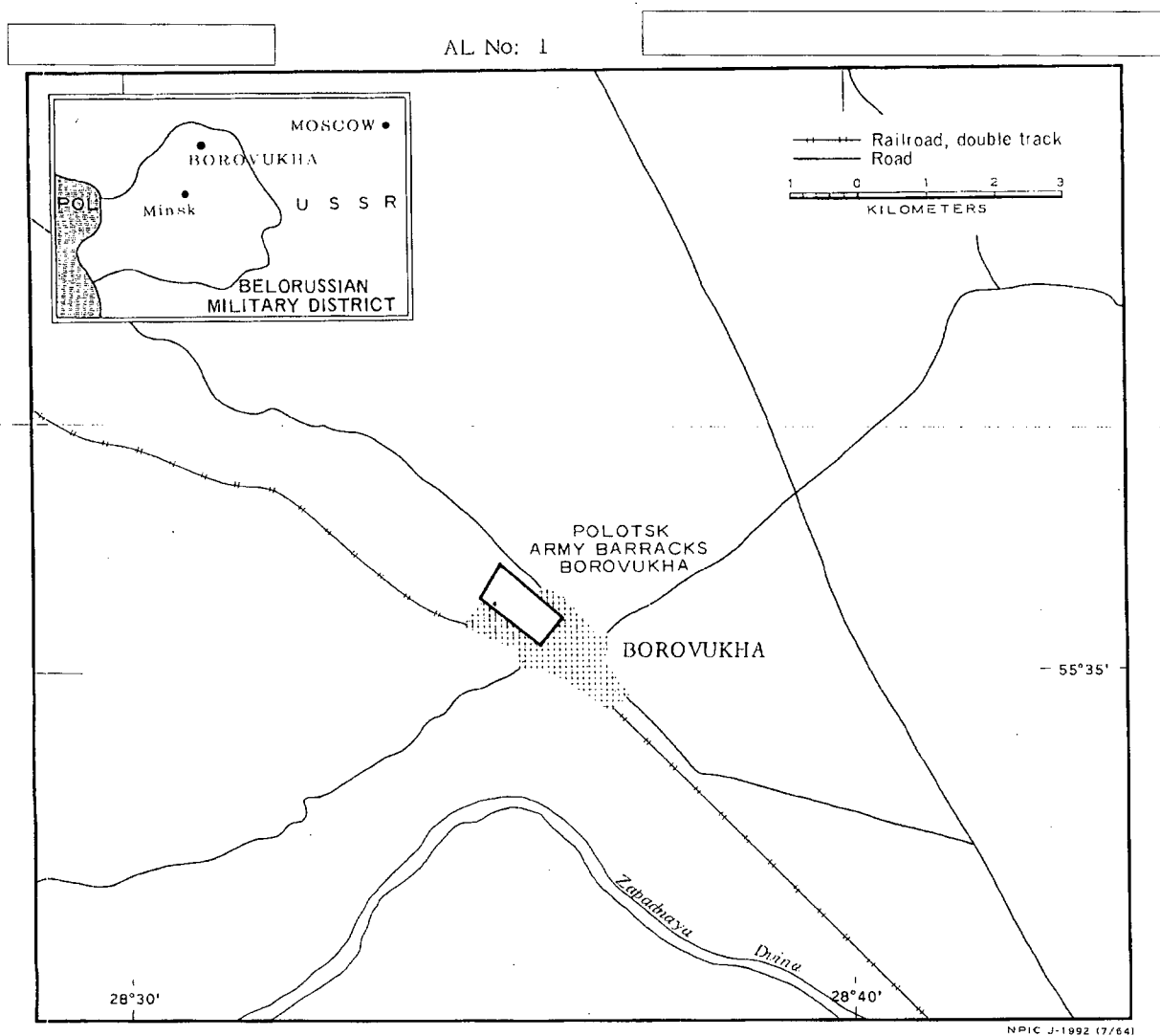


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS BOROVUKHA.

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SUMMARY

Polotsk Army Barracks Borovukha (Figure 1) is located 18 kilometers (km) northwest of Polotsk (55-29N 028-48E) on the north side of the Polotsk-Daugavpils rail line. No rail spurs enter the area, but an all-weather secondary road from Polotsk serves the installation. Polotsk Army Barracks and Maneuver Area [] is located 14 km south-east.

The installation consists of three main areas, covers approximately 1,400 acres, and contains two administration buildings, 21 multi-story barracks, three vehicle sheds, eight storage buildings, 15 support buildings, three ammunition storage buildings, two 4-court athletic facilities, two probable troop obstacle courses, one observation tower, one athletic field and one training area with a probable flat trajectory

range and a probable wheeled-vehicle driver-training course (Figures 2 and 3).

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and eight KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed a marked decrease in the level of usage of the training area; however, activity in the barracks area remained at the same general level between 1961 and February 1964. Significant changes observed on February 1964 photography include the removal of one explosives or POL storage area, one large multistory barracks, six small support buildings and one motor vehicle parking area; and the addition of two troop obstacle courses, a new secured explosives storage area with three buildings and two 4-court athletic facilities.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The double-track Polotsk-Daugavpils rail line passes south of the installation. No direct rail service was observed.

Road Service

An all-weather secondary road provides access to Polotsk.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains two multi-story barracks and seven support buildings.

Area D2 contains one administration building, six multistory barracks, and five support buildings.

Area D3 contains one administration building, 13 multistory barracks, and three support buildings. One multistory barracks has been removed since 1956.

Trackage indicates the areas are occupied.

General Storage Area

Area E contains eight buildings which have been maintained since 1956, indicating continued use.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F, secured, contains three 60- by 40-foot unrevetted buildings, first observed on February 1964 coverage.

A POL/ explosives storage area, not shown on Figure 3, has been removed since 1956.

Other Buildings and Facilities

Area H, northwest of Area D2, contains two probable obstacle courses, one with a multistory observation tower; they were first observed on February 1964 coverage.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J, active, contains three vehicle sheds, 100 by 50, 120 by 50 and 200 by 50 feet.

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A motor vehicle parking area and six small support buildings, not shown on Figure 3, have been removed since 1956.

Athletic Fields

K1 is an active athletic field.

K2 and K3 are 4-court athletic facilities, first observed on February 1964 coverage.

Driver Training Area

Area M is a probable wheeled-vehicle driver training course, possibly used with firing exercises.

Flat Trajectory Firing Range

Area P is a probable range for vehicle-mounted automatic weapons. It shows a marked decrease in usage since 1956 TALENT coverage.

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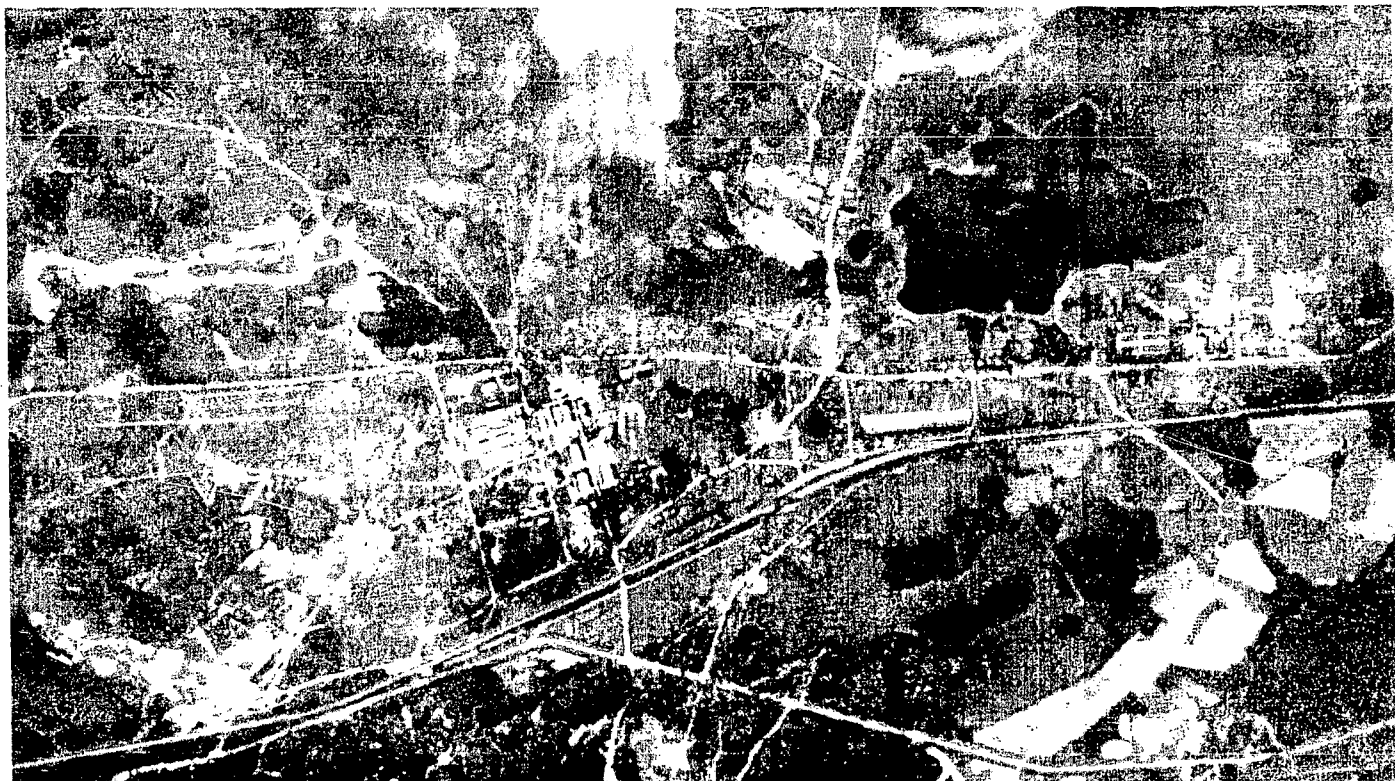
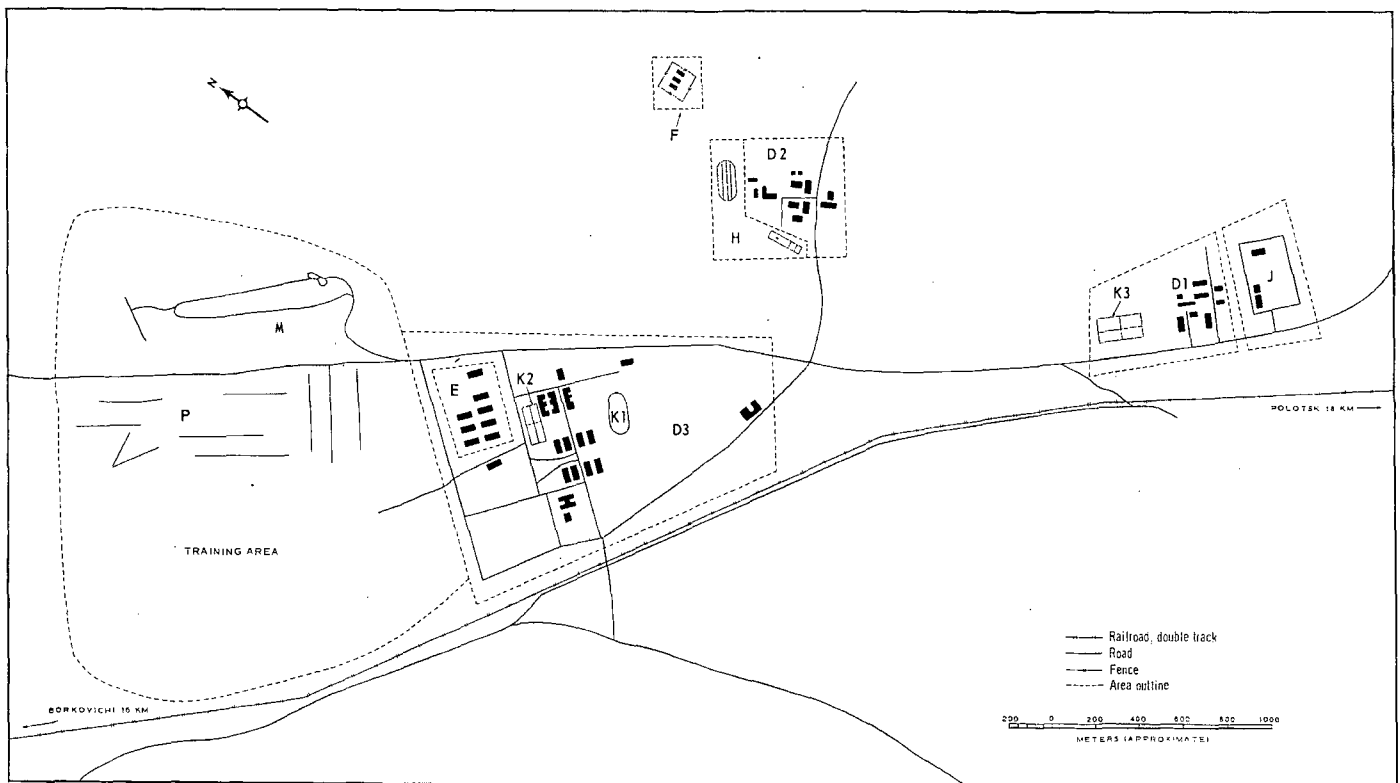


FIGURE 2. POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS BOROVUKHA, POLOTSK, USSR, AUGUST 1953.

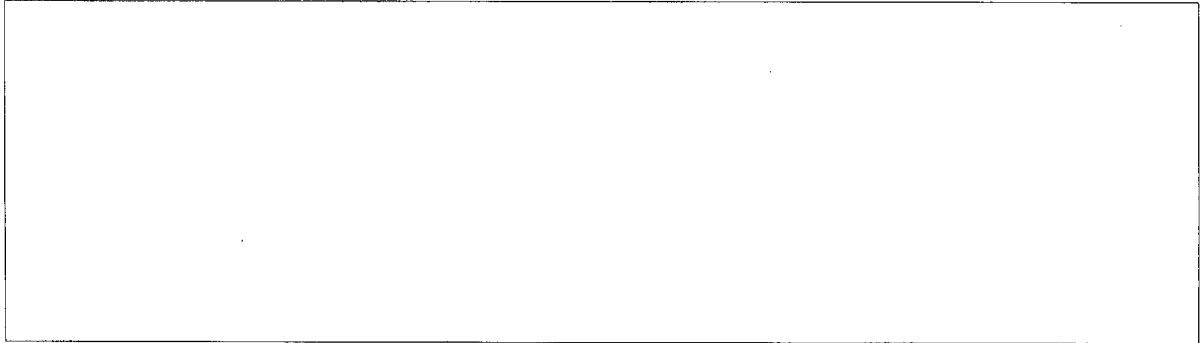


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